

in this country. We have lost 563 jobs for every working hour of every working day since President Bush took office.

During that time period in President Clinton's first term, nearly 11 million jobs were created, including nearly a half million manufacturing jobs. Yet we have seen over 1 million manufacturing jobs vanish since President Bush moved into the White House.

Over the next decade, 27 percent of the tax cut, about the share that goes to the bottom 90 percent of the population, would go to these very high-income families. Despite these economic statistics, President Bush will not ask Congress to do what his father asked Congress a dozen years ago. In the wake of the recession of the early 1900s, they extended unemployment benefits; the same thing that President Bush and House Republicans should do.

#### AMERICA APPRECIATES ALLIED SUPPORT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MURPHY). Pursuant to the order of the House of January 7, 2003, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. COBLE) is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I want to revisit the war in Iraq, if I may.

On March 25 of this year, Mr. Speaker, I came to the House floor and said the following: "Many insist that this is a unilateral operation. Not true. There are many supporters, but they are reluctant to openly oppose Saddam. They fear him. They, in fact, Mr. Speaker, are afraid. Many of his neighbors loathe Saddam, but they stand in fear. But the Bush-Blair wagon will move forward with the support, albeit sometimes anonymous, of other nations."

Mr. Speaker, as we have continued to praise our U.S. troops, I want us to avoid ignoring our allies, because as I said on this floor about 2 months ago, it is not a unilateral effort. I recently read in the Sergeant Shaft article, which appears regularly in the Washington Times, a letter from an Australian commander who wrote, "When are the British and Australian troops going to be included in the television coverage?"

A fair question. Now, I am not critical of the coverage, Mr. Speaker, as it is only natural to praise our own troops first, but we certainly do not want to turn deaf ears to the contributions of our allies, Great Britain, Australia, Spain, Poland, many others.

I was recently in Denmark regarding the sensitive issue of maritime security and learned while there of the impressive assistance we have received from the Danes in this war effort.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, another point. Some Members of the Congress have been openly critical of President Bush's recent visit with our troops aboard the carrier *Lincoln*, alleging excessive costs. Some of these same critics are hardly paragons of restraint

when it comes to pork barrel spending of taxpayers' dollars. I am more inclined, Mr. Speaker, to place a higher value upon the troops' enthusiastic welcome to the President as opposed to some sour grapes criticism after the fact.

To sum up, Mr. Speaker, President Bush has demonstrated responsible leadership. We have been a beneficiary of able assistance from our allies, which we need to openly and gratefully acknowledge; and we need to be patient and deliberate in restoring some sense of order in Iraq. But the people of Iraq who demanded the removal of Saddam need to demonstrate patience and deliberation as well.

#### HONORING PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 7, 2003, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. STEARNS) is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor this afternoon to commend my colleagues' attention to a resolution that I will introduce today honoring Pregnancy Resource Centers.

According to surveys of women who have had abortions, 90 percent indicate they would have preferred other options had they simply known about them. The tragedy and irony in many situations is that most women are flooded with the pro-abortion message, but are rarely offered any other message of choice. Rather, unknowing clients are led to believe that abortion is the only solution to their problem.

Through costly advertising, young women go into abortion clinics and are assured that help is only a few hundred dollars away. Harmful consequences of abortions are minimized or simply ignored. Alternatives like parenting or adoption are not encouraged. In fact, they are rarely mentioned.

Sadly, it is only later that they learn there are alternatives. Desperately trying to spread this message to young women are the 2,500 Pregnancy Resource Centers across America. Through education and support, Pregnancy Resource Centers meet women's emotional and physical needs. They provide one-on-one counseling regarding the facts about adoption, abortion, and parenting so that the client may make a wise and informed decision about her pregnancy. Centers are dedicated to helping each woman resolve her situation in a way that equips her with better life skills for her future.

Practical help like parenting classes, support groups, education, and job skills classes are offered through many Pregnancy Resource Centers as well. Maternity clothes, baby needs, and even temporary housing is offered. Some Crisis Pregnancy Centers have full medical services on the premises, and unlike abortion clinics, these centers offer support for women suffering from postabortion syndrome.

For those women who have undergone an abortion, the devastation can be real and ongoing if she does not receive help. Most centers are committed to the healing, body and soul, of women who have suffered from an abortion. They offer medical and counseling services and stand alongside these women in their healing process.

Life-affirming pregnancy centers provide an example of love and compassion to women and their unborn babies. These centers have been upholding the value of all human life, born and unborn, for several decades. Women are increasingly turning to these centers for physical, psychological, emotional, and spiritual help. They are always treated with the utmost dignity and respect and are provided with accurate, up-to-date information in order to make informed decisions about their pregnancy, sexual health, and relationships. Because everyone should have access to this information, all services are free of charge.

I am honored to represent one such center in my hometown of Ocala, Florida. The Women's Pregnancy Center has been serving the people faithfully of Marion County for 22 years. This center serves nearly 1,500 women a year of all ages and backgrounds. They serve these women and men faithfully and discreetly.

In today's culture, abortion is too often the first thought for women facing unplanned pregnancy, but there are alternatives, and Pregnancy Resource Centers can provide them. These centers are not only the most strategic and effective, but often the most needed of the forces engaged in the defense of the unborn. It is fitting that we recognize these courageous and struggling agencies that seek to bring purpose to the surprises of life. Never are these needs greatest than in the smallest of families, a mother and her growing baby.

I invite Members to join in providing support for more than 2,500 Crisis Pregnancy Centers around the United States of America. The good work of these centers merits our recognition, and the compassionate staff deserve our admiration.

Mr. Speaker, I urge Members to become an original cosponsor of this resolution to demonstrate their support for Pregnancy Resource Centers and their tens of thousands of volunteer staff who are encouraging the protection and value of all human life in America.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 54 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.